

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 26-47 and 51-52 remain in this application. Applicant has amended claims 26, 29-37 and 45-47. Applicant submits herewith new claims 54-60. Applicant submits that new claims 54-60 are fully supported by the application as originally filed, and no new matter is presented. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of claims 26-47, 51-52 and 54-60.

I. Objection to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the Specification stating:

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it includes that which may be implied and subject matter which is no longer in the pending claims (directed to canceled claims) see below. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Applicant has amended the abstract to obviate the Examiner's objection.

II. Rejection of Claims 26-47 and 51-52 Based on 35 U.S.C. § 102

A rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102 requires a correspondence between each element of the subject claim(s) and elements within the cited reference. In the present action, the Examiner has made general references to large sections of the Perkowski document, without identifying any specific element within those sections or providing a specific correspondence to an individual element of Applicant's claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the

Examiner either specify with more particularity those elements of Perkowski that correspond to the elements of Applicant's claims, or withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102.

The Examiner has rejected claims 26-47 and 51-52 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Perkowski (US Patent No. 6,625,581), stating:

Perkowski discloses a computer program product comprising: a computer readable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein, said computer readable program code configured to; obtain business process data from at least one first trading participant; process said business process data at a process management platform accessible via an interconnection fabric; transmit said business process data from said process management platform to at least one second trading participant (see col. 1-8).

Perkowski discloses a computer program product comprising: a computer readable medium having a computer readable program code for managing a plurality of business processes, said computer readable program code configured to: obtain a plurality of business processes from a plurality of first entities wherein said plurality of business processes comprises a sequence of messages linked by a predefined workflow and exchanged over a predefined period to time; manage said plurality of business processes at a process management platform; forwarding said plurality of business processes from said process management platform to at least one of a plurality of second entities (see col. 1-8 and figures 1-12).

Specifically as to claims 27-47, see above rejection for claim 26 and in addition, see figures 2-1, 2-2, 2a, and cols. 45-58.

Specifically as to claim 52, see above rejection for claims 26 and 51 in addition, see cols. 85-92.

Applicant respectfully disagrees and submits that Perkowski does not anticipate, teach or describe claims 26-47 and 51-52.

Perkowski describes a system that allows manufacturers to input information about their products. The system of Perkowski then provides access tools, such as search capabilities and fast links to product references, allowing consumers easy access to product information.

With respect to independent claim 26 (as amended), Applicant submits that Perkowski does not teach, describe or anticipate a computer program that: i) obtains a first business process data from at least one first trading participant, said business process data comprising a set of transaction messages; ii) obtains the first business process data in a first data format in accordance with a first standard protocol for conducting business transactions, and generates second business process data using a second data format in accordance with a second standard protocol for conducting said business transactions; or iii) processes business process data at a process management platform to monitor and manage the flow of those transaction messages.

With respect to independent claim 51, Perkowski does not anticipate, teach or describe: i) obtaining business processes comprising sequences of messages linked by a predefined workflow and exchanged over a predefined period of time; or ii) managing those business processes at a process management platform.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that independent claims 26 and 51 are allowable over the cited reference. Further dependent claims 27-47 and 52, being dependent upon allowable base claims, are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

III. New Claims 54-60

Applicant submits that new claims 54-59, being dependent upon allowable base claims 26, are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons from section II above.

Applicant further submits that the cited reference fails to teach or suggest, let alone anticipate, all elements of new independent claim 60.

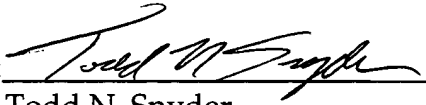
IV. Conclusion

Applicant submits that pending claims 26-47, 51-52 and 54-60 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner's objections and rejections being obviated herein, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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